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Division of Waste Management

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TO:

Environmental Service Providers

FROM:

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Trust Fund Branch Head

RE:

New Reasonable Rate Document (RRD 2010) and Pre-Approval Task Authorization Changes

The Underground Storage Tank (UST) Section has completed its periodic revision of the scopes of work and rates used to approve work and to reimburse costs from the North Carolina Leaking Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Funds. A new reasonable rate document, the 2010 RRD, has been posted and can be found on the UST Section webpage at http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wm/ust/rrd and under the "What's New" section of the webpage. Major changes incorporated into the 2010 RRD are revisions and expansions of secondary forms, some scope of work clarifications, new pre-approval forms and some reimbursement rate changes. The new rate document and all associated forms will go into effect on July 1, 2010. Note that the 1998 rate document and all associated forms will no longer be valid after July 1, 2010.

The UST Section believes that the recent collection of costs data used to establish reasonable rates occurred in a period of economic downturn, a situation which may have tended to generate lower reimbursement rates than those in the existing 2003 RRD, and that data may not accurately reflect the longer term costs of work performed. Therefore, with some exceptions, the reimbursement rates in the 2010 RRD will remain the same as the existing rates found in the 2003 RRD and its subsequent amendments. Any task codes and rates that were generated or modified since the March 1, 2003 release of the current 2003 RRD have been amended. The UST Section will re-assess reimbursement rates in 18 months to determine if they should be adjusted.

The UST Section has also reviewed outstanding Pre-approval Task Authorizations (PATA) that have not been used and will consider closed and invalid any outstanding PATA's approved before January 1, 2009. If you have an unused PATA whose approval predates January 1, 2009 and you intend to conduct the authorized work, you should submit a new PATA to your UST Section regional office incident manager for review and approval.

If you have any questions concerning the 2010 RRD scopes of work, rates and forms, please contact Scott Ryals at scott.rvals@ncdenr.gov or Jared Edwards at jared.edwards@ncdenr.gov. Any questions concerning PATAs should be directed to Jared Edwards at jared.edwards@ncdenr.gov. Any other questions or comments may be directed to me at george.matthis@ncdenr.gov or (919) 733-1332.

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